

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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3 1. An apparatus for supporting medical fluids for delivery to a patient during  
4 surgery, the apparatus comprising:

5 a clamp for removably securing the apparatus to an object to allow the object to  
6 support the apparatus, the object being immovable relative to the patient to which the  
7 fluids are to be delivered;

8 an arm extending from the clamp;

9 a support connected to the arm remote from the clamp, the support being adapted  
10 to retain a receptacle containing medical fluids;

11 the arm being movable longitudinally with respect to the clamp, thereby allowing  
12 the position of the support with respect to the clamp to be adjusted.

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14 2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arm is rotatable about its  
15 longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

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17 3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arm is rotatable about the clamp  
18 in a plane containing the longitudinal axis of the arm.

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20 4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support is mounted on a rod, the  
21 rod being mounted to an end of the arm remote from the clamp and movable with respect  
22 to the end of the arm.

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24 5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the rod extends telescopically within  
25 the arm.

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27 6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arm comprises a first portion  
28 extending from the clamp and a second portion extending from the first portion  
29 substantially perpendicular to the first portion.  
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- 1 7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first portion of the arm is  
2 rotatable about the clamp within a plane containing the longitudinal axis of the first  
3 portion.  
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- 5 8. An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the second portion of the arm is  
6 rotatable about the first portion of the arm.  
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- 8 9. An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first portion of the arm is  
9 rotatable about its longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.  
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- 11 10. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object is an item of surgical  
12 furniture selected from a surgical table or surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.  
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- 14 11. An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the object is a surgical table, the  
15 clamp being adapted to releasably secure to a rail extending along an edge of the surgical  
16 table.  
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- 18 12. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support is adapted to retain a  
19 receptacle containing fluid for delivery to the patient intravenously.  
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- 21 13. An apparatus for supporting receptacles for medical fluids for intravenous  
22 delivery to a patient, the apparatus comprising:  
23 a clamp for releasably securing the apparatus to an item of surgical furniture;  
24 a first arm portion extending from the clamp;  
25 a second arm portion extending from the first arm portion; and  
26 a fluid receptacle support mounted on the second arm portion;  
27 wherein the first arm portion and second arm portion are movable with respect to  
28 the clamp such that the fluid receptacle support may be moved within a plane containing  
29 the longitudinal axis of the first arm portion and the longitudinal axis of the second arm  
30 portion.  
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- 1 14. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable  
2 about its longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.  
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- 4 15. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable  
5 about the clamp in a plane containing the longitudinal axis of the arm portion.  
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- 7 16. An apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the second arm portion is rotatable  
8 about the first arm portion.  
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- 10 17. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the fluid receptacle support is  
11 mounted on a rod, the rod being mounted to an end of the second arm portion and  
12 movable with respect to the end of the second arm portion.  
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- 14 18. An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the rod extends telescopically  
15 within the second arm portion.  
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- 17 19. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the item of surgical furniture is  
18 selected from a surgical table or surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.  
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- 20 20. An apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein the item of surgical furniture is a  
21 surgical table, the clamp being adapted to releasably secure to a rail extending along an  
22 edge of the surgical table.  
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- 24 21. An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the support is adapted to retain a  
25 receptacle containing fluid for delivery to the patient intravenously.  
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